

Christmas in Gardere
"Bringing the message of Joy, Peace and Love"
Thursday, December 22, 2016
6:00pm

4:30pm Lighting the way for Santa (Gardere Youth Coalition will distribute luminaries throughout the neighborhood) Need small bags, sand and battery operated light bulbs.

6:00pm Chief Ledoux, fire truck and Santa (same as Christmas Carolers below) Need candy. **Confirmed**

6:10pm Christmas Caroling & Prayer throughout Gardere (Groups of 5s on both sides of the street will sing "Joy to the World" and a Litany Prayer in order for all to join in. Make intermittent stops throughout the street). We will invite all congregations, but need a minimum of 100 persons. Gardere Youth Coalition will participate.

- 1) Ned to Helm 10
- 2) Skysail to Mariner 10
- 3) Keel to Mariner 10
- 4) Starboard/Stern/Port 10
- 5) GSRI (the entire street) 10
- 6) Jade 20
- 7) Jasper 20

Captain Stevens (3 Deputies following groups) (**Confirmed**)

Planning Meeting: Tuesday, December 20, 6pm, Gardere Initiative Office

- 1) Assign Team Leaders & Streets
- 2) Receive examples of material
- 3) Pray God's blessing that Gardere residents will receive the "Good News"

Logistics

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- 1) **5:45pm** Carolers and prayer leaders will park their vehicles at the park behind the Gardere Office for the 70820 side.) Ned, Skysail, Keel , Starboard/Stern/Port
- 2) **6:00pm** Groups are formed to ensure the numbers and streets are designated. Faith Chapel vans will take folks to the areas and/or leaders can have a van to follow the Carolers.
- 3) **6:10pm** Groups will follow the fire truck.
- 4) **7:00pm** Teams return to Gardere Office for closing prayer.

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- 1) **6:45pm** Gardere Community Christian School/Aposento Alto for the 70810 side. Darin and Marie will coordinate the 70810 and Murelle will coordinate the 70820. (GSRI, Jade, Jasper). Jade & Jasper are long streets that will require two groups. **Confirmed**
- 2) **7:00pm** Groups are formed to ensure the numbers and streets are designated. Faith Chapel vans will take folks to the areas and/or leaders can have a van to follow the Carolers.
- 3) **7:10pm** Groups will follow the fire truck.
- 4) **8:20 Teams** will return to GCCS/Aposento Alto for closing prayer.

Litany of Peace

Leader: Gracious God; who is the beginning and the end, and holds all power in your hands; you have commanded us to love our enemies. You yourself loved us so much that you gave your Son, Jesus, who gave his life for those who were motivated by hatred.

People: *Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name...*

Leader: You have watched our neighbors fight and kill. You have watched with sadness as your people have turned their backs on you. Help us to repent of our sins and seek your will in our lives. Make us your ambassadors as well as your disciples.

People: ... *Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven...*

Leader: You sent your only Son so that your people; All your people, might truly know of your love and of your peace, that we might fully understand your forgiveness. In a time of ongoing crime and conflict, our hearts need your assurance and your presence confirmed. Our leaders need to sense your power is the strengths they employ.

People: ... *Give us this day our Daily Bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...*

Leader: It is so easy to reap a harvest of anger and revenge. Our hearts so easily fill with rage and discord. When wrongdoing rages, sometimes our emotions supersedes your mandate for peace and reconciliation. Forgive us our anger and grant us hearts of renewing peace. Help us be mirrors of your life even in times of discord.

People: ... *For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever...*

Leader: And so, Lord God of Creation, Savior of the World, we pray for a new chapter of peace to open. Before the momentum of hatred overtake our strength to control it, grant us peace within. Create in us a clean heart and peaceful mind. This is the nature of your Kingdom; this is the basis of your power, and this is the joy of your Glory. Give us peace.

All: Amen –

Joy to the World

Verse 1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the earth! the savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders, of his love.